

Revised: October 7, 2015

**TENTATIVE AGENDA  
for the  
FOURTH MEETING IN 2015  
of the  
WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**October 15-16, 2015  
Ruidoso Downs Racetrack  
Ruidoso Downs**

**Thursday, October 15**

- 9:30 a.m.           **Call to Order and Welcome**  
—Shaun Hubbard, General Manager, Ruidoso Downs Racetrack (invited)
- 9:45 a.m.       (1)   **Forest and Watershed Restoration**  
—Tony Delfin, New Mexico State Forester  
—Laura McCarthy, The Nature Conservancy  
—Director, Jemez Economic Development Corporation (invited)  
—Aron Balok, Water Resource Specialist, Pecos Valley Artesian  
Conservancy District  
—Brent Racher, President, New Mexico Forest Industry Association
- 12:00 noon       **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.       (2)   **New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources/Aquifer  
Mapping Program: Regional to Watershed Scale Hydrogeology Studies**  
—Matthew Rhoades, Director and State Geologist, New Mexico Bureau of  
Geology and Mineral Resources, New Mexico Institute of Mining and  
Technology (NMIMT)  
—Stacy Timmons, Aquifer Mapping Program Manager, New Mexico  
Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, NMIMT  
—Geoffrey Rawling, Field Geologist, New Mexico Bureau of  
Geology and Mineral Resources, NMIMT  
—B. Talon Newton, Hydrogeologist, New Mexico Bureau of  
Geology and Mineral Resources, NMIMT
- 2:00 p.m.       (3)   **Water Leasing Procedures**  
—Christopher Lindeen, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the State  
Engineer  
—Paula Garcia, Executive Director, New Mexico Acequia Association  
—Liz N. Taylor, Taylor and McCaleb, P.A.  
—Steve Hernandez, The Law Office of Steven L. Hernandez, P.C.  
—Alvin Jones, Hennighausen and Olsen, L.L.P.  
—Lea County Representative

4:00 p.m.      (4)    [\*\*Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 Requirements and Compliance Costs of the Interstate Stream Commission \(ISC\)\*\*](#)  
—Rolf Schmidt-Petersen, Rio Grande Basin Manager, ISC  
—Greg Lewis, Pecos River Basin Manager, ISC

5:00 p.m.      **Recess**

**Friday, October 16**

9:00 a.m.      (5)    [\*\*Department of Game and Fish Report on Elk, Antelope and Deer Populations\*\*](#)  
—Alexa Sandoval, Director, Department of Game and Fish

10:30 a.m.    (6)    [\*\*Oil and Gas Industry Update\*\*](#)  
—Wally Drangmeister, Vice President and Director of Communications,  
New Mexico Oil and Gas Association  
—Claire Chase, Director of Governmental Affairs, Mack Energy  
Corporation

12:00 noon    **Adjourn**